Sl. No.	Date/ Place	Aircraft Type/Regn.	Operator	Fatalities	Damage	Details of Accident/ Details Probable Cause.
02.	02.01.2001 near Mussoorie UP	Bell 206 L4 VT-SPA	Span Air	05	Destroyed	After take off from DLF heliped at Mussoorie, the helicopter entered into a valley and crashed in a hilly terrain at Hatthipau enroute Dehradoon. Accident was caused when pilot after noticing wires late, applied rapid cyclic control, resulting in helicopter decelerating, loss in translational lift, increased power demand which was not available. This caused development of vortex ring with blade root stall, recovery from which was not possible. Low flying and over loading were the contributory causes to the accident.

Aircraft Purchase By IA

602. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is purchasing 43 aircraft from Airbus industries at an estimated cost of Rs. 10,089 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed purchase is on the recommendations of the Aircraft Evaluation Committee; and

(d) if so, what are the other recommendations made by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) The Aircraft Evaluation Committee of Indian Airlines submitted its techno-economic evaluation report to the Board Sub-Committee. The report was deliberated upon by the Board Sub-Committee. Based on the recommendations of Board Sub-Committee, the Board of Directors of Indian Airlines in its meeting held on 27.3.2002 have approved a proposal for acquisition of 43 aircraft *i.e.* 19A-319, 4 A-320 and 20 A-321 aircraft installed with CFM-56 engines at a net project cost of Rs. 10,089 crores. The Project Report submitted by Indian Airlines is under active consideration of the Government.

Daily flights on Delhi-Guwahati route

603. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will ensure introduction of a daily morning and evening flight to and from Guwahati to connect national capital with the North-East Region legitimately instead of keeping almost all flights at a time after 10 a.m. and before 4 p.m.; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Due to aircraft and scheduling constraints and commitment on its routes network, it is presently not feasible for Indian Airlines to provide more services between Delhi and Guwahati.

Induction of mini-planes

604. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to induct mini-planes; and

(b) if so, the number to be added and how the investment amount would be arranged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The proposal of Indian Airlines for purchase of six 50 seater ATR 42-500 aircraft was considered by the